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**AMENDMENT & RESPONSE**

This paper is respectfully submitted in response to a final Office action, Paper No. 8, mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on September 2, 2003. The Office Action indicates that copies of the references (B1-B27 and C1-C107) submitted with the information disclosure statements filed on August 31, 2001, October 5, 2001, and July 10, 2003 are not located in the file and, thus, have not been considered as to the merits. Applicants include for consideration by the examiner a copy of the information disclosure statements (IDS) and copies of the references (B1-B27 and C1-C107) that were originally filed on August 31, 2001, October 5, 2001, and July 10, 2003, along with the corresponding return receipt postcards from the USPTO confirming receipt of the IDS submittals.

Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments, reconsideration and withdrawal of all grounds of rejection, and passage of the claims to allowance.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows, without prejudice:

- Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims that begins on page 3 of this Amendment & Response.
- Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this Amendment & Response.